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## Canal Winchester Continues Water Conservation Policy

CANAL WINCHESTER – In order to be good stewards of its resources, the Village of Canal Winchester continues to follow its revised water conservation policy that was adopted on May 2, 2006. This policy prevents lawn watering between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., Tuesdays through Sundays, and any time on Mondays. Other uses of water, such as watering flowers and plants by hand and washing cars, are not restricted.

“Our policy is geared toward conserving water during the hottest time of the day when there is the greatest evaporation of water,” said Joe Taylor, Division of Water Manager for the Village of Canal Winchester. “With the exception of a water emergency, our residents are still able to water their lawns 16 hours a day, six days a week.”

The village’s water conservation policy states that the village may declare a water emergency when conditions warrant. In addition to restricted watering hours effective year long, a Level I Water Emergency further restricts watering between the hours of 7 a.m. – 9 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. – 9 p.m. A Level II Water Emergency establishes that no unattended water usage or lawn sprinkling will be permitted. Some examples of when the village may determine it is necessary to declare a water emergency include long periods of drought or a mechanical failure of the water system. These additional restrictions are used to ensure there will be sufficient reserve water to provide appropriate water pressure to all customers and reasonable reserves for emergencies.

The first violation of the village’s water conservation policy will result in a friendly reminder of the policy and request for compliance by division of water staff to the property owner. A final reminder, request for compliance and water shut off notification will be given upon the second violation. Should the property owner not be available during a first or second violation, the division of water staff will shut off the water sprinkler system at the faucet. Any property owner in violation of the village’s water conservation policy is guilty of a fourth degree misdemeanor and their violation may result in the termination of water service. If service is terminated, a \$200 fee will be charged to restore water service.

“This policy is vital to ensuring the long-term capacity of our water supply for years to come,” said Taylor. “Water conservation saves the village operational and capital costs associated with the supply and treatment of water, extends the life of our water supply, and ultimately can save the property owner money by limiting water usage during times when the most water is wasted due to evaporation.”

Please contact the Division of Water at 614-837-5623 with any questions about the village’s water conservation policy.

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